

STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary – March 23, 2004

Jeff Kelley-Clarke called the meeting to order. Following introductions, SWAC members approved the January 27, 2004 meeting summary.

Legislative Update

HB 2308 dealt with inert waste, but did not substantially affect our rules. The Governor signed the bill on March 24.

HB 2488 – This bill directs Ecology to encourage new pilot projects for e-waste takeback. It effectively postpones manufacturer responsibility for takeback. \$60,000 was earmarked for Ecology to convene a subcommittee which will prepare a report outlining its recommendations on possible future legislation (by Dec. 15). This bill will become effective July 1, 2004. The following folks asked to be on the e-waste subcommittee: Brad Lovaas, Jeff Kelley-Clarke, Sego Jackson, Bob Schille offered a rep from his company, Craig Lorch, Rob Guttridge, Bill Dean, Rick Hlavka said WSRA would like to be represented.

HB 3054 Tires - \$1.8 million was put in Capital budget for Klickitat County to clean up tires, but was removed by Governor's veto.

SB 6636 – Disposal of animal carcasses. The Dept. of Agriculture folks don't like this bill, and the Governor will veto it. The Departments of Agriculture, Health and Ecology will get together to come up with a recommendation.

Beyond Waste – Lorie Hewitt (sent to Lorie 4/13)

The Beyond Waste Draft Plan will be released in early May. Cheryl Smith and Chris Chapman will hold public meetings on the following dates: May 25 (Ecology-HQ), May 27 (Cheney), June 8 (Central Wash. Univ.), and June 10 (Edmonds Community College). After the public meetings, there will be a comment period—probably through August.

Soils Update – Cullen Stephenson

Cullen asked SWAC “what problems do you want to solve regarding soils”. It's obvious that soils management across the board isn't working. We don't necessarily want to manage soils from (small) construction sites.

Ashley Probart asked “What is the fallback position on soils?” He said he would send Cullen a list of concerns.

Melanie Vorass (WSDOT) asked for a commitment to resolve the soils issue before the next construction season.

There may be a trend to move industrial waste to compost to turn into qualifying soils by blending these soils. But dilution isn't always a great concept.

There are issues which should be addressed in the guidelines, keeping in mind that there are different problem soils in different counties.

Jeff Kelley-Clarke asked “where do we go now”? Cullen replied that another soils meeting will be planned, but he wants the Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program Management Team to discuss first. He expects that this will need senior agency management attention as well.

Steve Wamback asked that this not become a flow control issue which would create a dumping grounds scenario for some counties.

Composting with Gore-Tex

Susan Thoman from Emerald Services, Inc. gave SWAC a very informative and interesting overview of composting with Gore-Tex at the Cedar Grove Composting site in Maple Valley, WA. Composting with Gore-Tex takes approximately 3 months while the old way took about a year. The process looks to be better and faster.

Round Table

Operator Certification: as we revise our rule on operator certification, Cullen will change the wording to say that SWAC will do the revisions.

A class on operator certification will be offered at the SWANA conference. If need be, a class may be offered in the fall (class size: 25-30)

Old tobacco: The tobacco companies will not take old tobacco back from retailers. The current method of disposing old tobacco is landfilling and incineration. The problem with landfilling the tobacco is that scavengers may try to resell it (tax issue).

SWAC Attendees:

Baker, David – Thurston Co. Solid Waste Davies, Laurie - Ecology Dean, Bill – Thurston Co. Dennis, Linda –Smedes & Assoc. Dzedzy, Ed – Lincoln Co. EHD Gee, Bob – WA Food Industry Guttridge, Rob – Clark County Hein, Dennis – City of Spokane Hewitt, Lorie - Ecology Hlavka, Rick – Green Solutions/WSRA Kelley-Clarke, Jeff – Snohomish Co. Large, Dean – Waste Connections, Inc. LeMay, Norm – LeMay, Inc.	Lorch, Craig - WCRC Lovaas, Brad - WRRRA Probart, Ashley – Assoc. of WA Cities Reed, Bill – King Co. Schille, Bob – Waste Management, Inc. Smedes, Jerry – Smedes & Assoc. Snyder, Jody - LRI Stephenson, Cullen - Ecology Thoman, Susan – Emerald Services, Inc. Vorass, Melanie - WSDOT Wamback, Steve – Pierce Co. Warnke, Frank – Advocates, Inc. Westmoreland, Eddie – Waste Connections
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